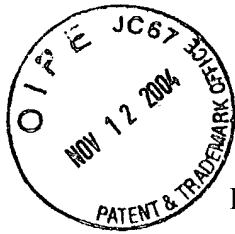


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 12, 2004, for which a response is due on November 12, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 4 of this paper.